# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01366-BAH

CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY v. UNITED STATES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Assigned to: Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act Date Filed: 06/08/2018 Date Terminated: 10/25/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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06/08/2018	1	COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5524668) filed by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons, # 3 Summons, # 4 Summons)(Kimbrell, George) (Attachment 1 replaced on 6/11/2018) (zmd). (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/08/2018	2	Corporate Disclosure Statement by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/08/2018	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Kellan Smith, :Firm– Center for Food Safety, :Address– 303 Sacramento Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111. Phone No. – 415–826–2770. Fax No. – 415–826–0507 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090–5524806. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (Attachments: # 1 Declaration, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 06/08/2018)
06/08/2018		Case Assigned to Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell. (zmd) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zmd) (Additional attachment(s) added on 6/14/2018: # 1 Notice and Consent) (zmd). (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/12/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 12, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
06/12/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) GRANTING the plaintiff's <u>3</u> Motion for Admission of Attorney <i>Pro Hac Vice</i> of Kellan Smith. Kellan Smith may enter an appearance <i>pro hac vice</i> for the purpose of representing the plaintiff in this action. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 12, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 06/12/2018)
07/02/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/27/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/27/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/25/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR served on 6/25/2018 (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/26/2018	7	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.(Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 07/26/2018)
08/09/2018	8	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 08/09/2018)
08/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by September 7, 2018, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on August 10, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/7/2018. (tg) (Entered: 08/13/2018)
09/07/2018	9	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 2 Join Status Report, that the parties file, by October 19, 2018, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on September 18, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
09/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/19/2018. (tg) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
10/16/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 10/16/2018)
10/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by November 19, 2018, a further joint status

		report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 17, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
10/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/19/2018. (tg) (Entered: 10/17/2018)
11/19/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 11/19/2018)
11/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 11 Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by December 19, 2018, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on November 20, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
11/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/19/2018. (tg) (Entered: 11/20/2018)
12/19/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 12 Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by January 28, 2019, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on December 19, 2018. (lcbah2) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/28/2019. (ztg) (Entered: 12/20/2018
01/28/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 13 Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by February 28, 2019, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on January 29, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/28/2019. (tg) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/11/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by George A. Kimbrell (Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 02/28/2019)
03/01/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by March 28, 2019, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 1, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/28/2019. (tg) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. Attorney Kellan Smith terminated. (Smith, Kellan) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/28/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 03/28/2019)
03/28/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 17 Joint Status Report, that if this matter has not yet been settled, the parties file, by Apri 26, 2019, a joint status report proposing a schedule for the filing of any motions about an award of costs and fees. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on March 28, 2019. (lcbah1) (Entered: 03/28/2019)
03/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/26/2019. (hmc) (Entered: 03/29/2019)
04/26/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 04/26/2019)
04/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>18</u> Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by May 23, 2019, a further joint status report

		with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on April 29, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/23/2019. (tg) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 05/23/2019)
05/27/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING, upon consideration of the parties' 19 Joint Status Report, that the parties file, by June 24, 2019, a further joint status report with a proposed schedule for the filing of any dispositive motions, unless a joint stipulation of dismissal has been filed by that date. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on May 27, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 05/27/2019)
05/28/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/24/2019, unless a joint stipulation of dismissal has been filed by that date. (tg) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
06/24/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. (Hendry, Melanie) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) ISSUING, upon consideration of the parties' <u>20</u> Joint Status Report, the following SCHEDULING ORDER: (1) by October 4, 2019, the plaintiff Center for Food Safety shall file its motion for fees and costs, unless a joint stipulation of dismissal has been filed before that date; (2) by November 1, 2019, the defendant Department of Interior shall file its opposition; and (3) by November 22, 2019, the plaintiff shall file its reply. Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on June 24, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
06/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff's motions for fees and costs due by 10/4/2019; defendant's opposition due by 11/1/2019; plaintiff's reply due by 11/22/2019. (tg) (Entered: 06/25/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>21</u>	NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL by John Moustakas on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Substituting for attorney Melanie Hendry (Moustakas, John) (Entered: 08/07/2019)
10/03/2019	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Settlement <i>in Principle</i> by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY (Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 10/03/2019)
10/24/2019	<u>23</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal <i>with Prejudice</i> by CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY. (Kimbrell, George) (Entered: 10/24/2019)
10/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER (paperless) DIRECTING the Clerk of Court to close this case in light of the parties' 23 Stipulation of Dismissal with Prejudice dismissing the case, with prejudice, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Signed by Chief Judge Beryl A. Howell on October 25, 2019. (lcbah2) (Entered: 10/25/2019)